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In re Application of:

Lee E. Cannon

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125 (as amended to date) please enter the substitute specification in clean form and including paragraph numbers [0001] through [0091] attached hereto as Appendix A. A marked-up substitute specification to clearly identify amendments to the specification as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B. It is respectfully submitted that the substitute specification does not introduce new matter into the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 15-20, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, 32-36, 39, 42, 44, 48, 56-58, 61 and 63 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 1 through 63 are presented, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(c)(1)(i) and 1.121(c)(3), in clean form in Appendix C attached hereto. Please enter these claims as amended. Also attached as Appendix D is a marked-up version of the claims amended herein pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

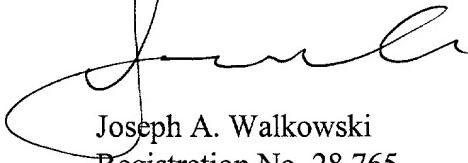
IN THE DRAWINGS:

Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a Letter to the Chief Draftsman submitting proposed revisions to FIGS. 1, 6, 10 and 15. Approval of the revised figures is respectfully requested. Also enclosed is a Transmittal of Formal Drawings with formal drawings revised as proposed.

REMARKS

No new matter has been added. The Applicant again requests entry of the amendments as set forth in the Appendices hereto prior to examination of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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